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3 MEN CONVICTED IN **METH LAB POST BAIL**

The three men charged with manufacturing methamphetamine have all made bail, Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espy said.

Kurby D. Parman, 57, Barnard. Terry L. Faller, 40, Barnard, and Darrell E. Cronk, 45, Arkoe, were arrested March 5 for manufacturing methamphetamine.

All three were charged with a class B felony for manufacturing a controlled substance. Parman and Cronk were also charged with a class C felony for possession of methamphetamine.

The arrest was made after a search Parman's residence, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, revealed a methamphetamine production operation.

At an arraignment hearing on March 13, Faller and Parman were both given court dates of April 10 and April 3 respetively, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said. Cronk's trial date could not be attained.

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Mathematics Olympiad

Third installment due.

FRIDAY Spring Break begins.

Habitat Alternative Spring Break begins at the Newman Center

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Visit the web for: A video package of Tony Francis, a local child coping with autism and a video package on the Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness and the dogs they helped.

-CHILDHOOD AUTISM STATISTICS CLIMBING

silent struggle



NORTHWEST SENIOR Alena Derks works with 11-year-old Tony Francis on Thursday afternoon in the basement of his house. Derks, who has worked with Tony for the past three years, practices Tony's motor skills through the use of a keyboard.

Statistics show a national increase in autism in children, characterized by trouble communicating, socializing

By Tara Adkins Features Editor

he net swing sends him flying around his therapy room while children's sing-along songs blast in his ears. He giggles and shouts at the words while he reads along through sign language.

One in 150 children are affected by autism. Tony Francis is one of them.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found in a recent study, the autism rate has increased from 5.5 to 6.66 in every 1000 children.

"Ten years ago, the autism spectrum increased and autism became popular terminology, but now everyone has education on it. It's a positive trend not a negative one," said Marcy Roush, University language instructor.

Roush previously taught special education to students in Bethany and Albany, Mo. schools.

The research study examined medical and school records of 8-year-olds and surveyed thousands of families in part of 14 states.

Although the findings should not be generalized to a national average, CDC officials said it gives the most accurate count on how common autism is in parts of the country.

Autism is a mental disorder that affects a range of behaviors, including trouble communicating, socializing and participating in creative activity. It is usually diagnosed by age three but lasts throughout

Because diagnosis can range from mild to severe, the autism spectrum includes developmental disorders such as Rett Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Asperger Syndrome.

Several parents go through the same circumstances

see AUTISM on A6



ALENA DERKS communicates with Tony Francis, who is autistic, through the use of sign language in the basement of his house on Thursday afternoon. Tony started showing the signs of autism when he was about 2-years-old.

- Incidence vs. Private Funding ■Leukemia: Affects 1 in 25,000—Funding: \$310 million
- ■Muscular Dystrophy: Affects 1 in 20,000—Funding: \$175 million
- ■Pediatric AIDS: Affects 1 in 8,000—Funding: \$394 million
- ■Juvenile Diabetes: Affects 1 in 500—Funding: \$130 million ■Autism: Affects 1 in 150—Funding: \$15 million

- Facts about autism: ■67 children are diagnosed per day
- ■A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined
- ■Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. ■Autism costs the nation over \$90 billion per year, a figure expected to
- double in the next decade ■Boys are four times more likely than girls to be autistic ■There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Source: Autismspeaks.org

-COMMUNITY NEWS

Eckert honored in annual walk

By Whitney Keyes Chief Reporter

> Opal Eckert walked fast. She believed that by walking at a quick

pace, she wouldn't appear as old. "Even in her eighties, she was going fast. She walked fast even in heels," said

Northwest Registrar Linda Girard, a former student of Eckerts Saturday, March 17, people will walk in rmemory of Eckert at the Opal Eckert Walk

in Bearcat Arena. Eckert was a prominent member of the Maryville community, serving as a teacher, club member, author and journalist for many

years. The event, hosted by the Maryville chapter of the American Association of University

Women, will start with registration at 8:30 a.m., followed by a time to share stories about Eckert. Then, a 30 to 45 minute walk will end out the day, along with refreshments from Hy-Vee.

The women of the AAUW started the walk, in hopes of raising money for the Opal Eckert Grant from the AAUW Educational Foundation. When the \$35,000 goal is reached, it will be used to help women further their education. The group has 15 years to raise the money.

"She was big supporter of the AAUW, and it's really rewarding to give her this recognition." Said walk director, Nina Schneider. Schneider serves as the director of the walk.

One new element of the walk, is a donated opal jewel from Creviston and Son Jewelry. The registration fee is a free will

donation and will serve as an entry for the opal drawing. Recommended amounts by the AAUW are \$5 for one entry or \$20 for five. All donations are tax-deductible.

Eckert, who died Dec. 30, 2005, at 100, was a well-respected Maryville citizen.

She started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse, immediately after receiving her two-year teaching degree.

From there, she went on to spend her later years as principal in Pickering, Mo., and also as an English and journalism teacher at

Maryville High School and Northwest. Girard, who had Eckert for both English and journalism at MHS, remembers a whole unit on football, just because Eckert thought it was important.

see ECKERT on A6

-BIOPHARMING UPDATE

Center of Excellence may receive \$24.4 million

By Kristin Summers, Evan Young University Editor, Copy Editor

Whether or not Northwest receives the remaining funding for the Center of Excellence in Plant Biologics from the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative is still up in the air.

But Northwest received good news last week, when Gov. Matt Blunt released an updated list of initiative projects, along with the amount of initiative

funding they would receive. Northwest will get an additional \$13 million for the Center of Excellence, bringing the total funding for the project to \$24.4 million.

The building's construction budget, previously \$15.4 million, will now increase to \$30 million because of the additional funds, Provost Kichoon Yang said.

Yang said the \$13 million would add classroom and laboratory space to the Center of Excellence. The University has already provided \$4 million in matching for the building.

The additional funds are a result of the elimination of five construction projects from the initiative's original list, District 12 Sen. Brad Lager said. The money from those projects was subsequently redistributed among the remaining projects.

see CENTER on A6

-UP 'TIL DAWN



ACADEMY STUDENT Cassie Gray participates in the bungee run on Friday night during the Up 'til Dawn event held at the Student Recreation Center. The event raised \$51,152 dollars for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

All-night event raises \$51,152

By Dominic Genetti Senior Reporter

When she was just four and a half years old, she lost her father to cancer and since then, for as long as she can remember, Northwest student Emily Petersen has always wanted to help others fighting

Her biggest contribution came this school year serving as the Assistant Director of the "Up 'til Dawn" Executive Board, which benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"This is something that I have been looking forward to doing something with probably ever since I hit high school," Petersen said. "It's just something I took an interest in when I find more people around me who have cancer."

The "Up 'til Dawn" event took place March 10. Director Veronica Petree said it is the finale event celebrating the fundraiser.

"The finale event is called 'Up 'til Dawn' because we stay awake for the kids sake," Petree said. "It's just in honor of parents who have to stay awake or family members who have to stay awake with other

see UP 'TIL DAWN on A5

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CAMPUSBRIEFS

Homecoming sign-up in Campus Activities office

Any group, student or organization interested in participating in 2007 Homecoming activities can pick up an entry form from the Campus Activities Office in the J.W.

Also, any student, group or organization is eligible to nominate one king and one queen candidate by Friday. All candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher at time of nomination, including transfer hours.

Groups that have a finalist selected must compete in one competition during Homecoming. Interviews for royalty will be Saturday, March 31. For more information about Homecoming, e-mail the Homecoming committee at Homecmg@nwmissouri.edu.

Northwest Dance Company performing Thursday

The Northwest Dance Company will perform "Reel Dance" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$5 at the door and a raffle will be

Tower Queen voting on CatPAWS until March 27

Students can log on to their CatPaws account to vote for this year's Tower Queen. Crowning will be at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, at the Belltower.

Sign Language Club performs songs from the 1980s

Sign Language Club presents "80's are back" at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 in the J.W. Student Union Ballroom.

Registration for 'Cat Walk and Health Fair ends Friday

Registration for 'Cat Walk 2007 and Health Fair ends Friday. The event is a benefit for cystic fibrosis. Anyone interested can register at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or at St. Francis Hospital and

The Health Fair will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Walk will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in Bearcat Arena. Bone density, blood pressure and lung function screenings are free. Cholesterol screenings are \$15 and a 10 hour fast is recommended. Clean shoes are also recommended for the walk.

Woman gives views about men

By Whitney Keyes Chief Reporter

On Monday, Northwest got the insider's view on manhood.

From a woman Best-selling author Norah Vincent delivered a lecture Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The discussion revolved around her novel, Self-Made Man, which reports the story of 18 months in which she disguised herself as a man.

ing league, and even spent three weeks in a monastery.

Monday's lecture was the last of the Distinguished Lecture's series, spon- made her possibly one of the riskier sored by Campus Activities.

Also, Vincent hosted a question and answer session in the afternoon in the Bergen, and Alex Gibney who dis-Student Union.

offered the question and answer ses- controversial since it was personal,

sion, prior to the lectures. "I got nothing but positive feedback about the question and answer session," Director of Campus Activities Kristen Alley said. "It was a good and that's fine." time for students to talk about personal

goals, and get to know her better." Questions ranged from personal questions, regarding goals of the students to Vincent's experiment.

One student even asked about the location, claiming that she looked

"Seriously, the weirder the better." asked by students.

However, not only students were in session, or the lecture. "I was tickled to see a good number

Women's History Month is March and Vincent was scheduled to hope-

However, Francis said Vincent would be a great choice any month. Alley agreed, and also expressed an interest in seeing Women's History Month expand.

Vincent's book has been named one of the 100 most notable books of 2006, by the New York Times. She has appeared on "The O'Reilly Factor" Vincent worked as a door-to-door and "Rush Limbaugh", and several salesman, was part of an all male bowl- other shows, including many NPR

> Vincent's book is sometimes seen as controversial and unethical, which choices for a speaker.

Compared to former speakers Peter cussed the war in Iraq, and filmmaking, This is the first year Northwest has Vincent's story may have been more

"It had potential to be controversial," she said. "But, that's not the direction the lecture or questions took,

Vincent, though, never aimed for the book to stir up so much controversy. She maintains the book is more about self-identity, and finding one's true self, rather than being a man or The book though is also a lesson

One main point she stressed was that Vincent said, in regards to the question everyone is different, and no one can "You don't fit in a box. You are a attendance at the question and answer person, a nebulous being. You're amorphous. You've got no boundaries,"

on being "weird" or "normal" she said.

Vincent said, in the small discussion of community members," assistant with students professor of psychology Alisha Francis Overall, staff hoped to bring some- and think. one to campus that would attract stu-



NORAH VINCENT reads an excerpt from her book, "Self-Made Man," which was written about her experience as a man, to an audience in the PAC Monday

Alley expects almost 30 people at dents and community members, and tional" speaker Northwest has had, or said. "And that's what speakers should the question and answer session, and would help students open their minds, maybe the most uncomfortable.

"Hopefully, though, she have pco-Vincent was maybe the "least tradi- ple something to think about," Alley do-provoke thought and reflection."

Pick-A-Professor.com makes | Northwest, ConnectEdu class scheduling easier

By Shane Sherwood Missourian Reporter

First there was the classes catalog. Then there was CatPAWS. Now there is Pick-A-Professor.

Northwest has now been added to Pick-A-Professor, an online consultation where students can access the percentages of grades of most of the professor's classes.

The University is not joining the Web site, however. The request came from Pick-A-Professor on Feb. 27, for the University to distribute their grades for the fall 2006 trimes- Texas Agriculture and Mechanical, ter. Due to the Sunshine Law, "we spreading to the University of Texas about the site, students will use it must comply," said Kichoon Yang,

Pick-A-Professor is not charging the University any funds to be two universities sparked interest, on the Web site, but the University is charging a small processing fee to the Web site. For students, however, it is not a free consultation. There is a charge of \$4.95 for three months, or \$10 for one year, ranging to \$45 for five years of service. Funds can be charged to a credit or debit card

The site requested a distribution

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It is unknown when the Uni-

The creators of the site believe it has its upsides, university relations director Karen Bragg said.

"Pick-A-Professor is an acaprofessors to use to choose the

Created by John Cunningham each case. and Chris Chilek, the site started in April 2000 for the University of the undergraduate students at the Beach said

The Web site was created for many reasons. This can be from

learning styles, Bragg said. "Learning styles vary. Some students do better with multiple be an easy class." choice tests, while others do better with essay tests. This helps students find the course that best fits them,"

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for all formal classes, meaning any Bragg said. class with an enrollment of five or

more students, Yang said. versity will be on the Web site, but Yang senses that it will be shortly after processing occurs.

The Sunshine Law requires all schools or universities to provide demic resource for students and the information. Yang said some schools have not replied to Pickclasses best for them and also to A-Professor when asked, and they find the cheapest text books," Bragg were sued by the company, with the company Web site winning

> Most students have not heard of the site, however.

"Based on what I have heard at Austin. The company decided to and some will not due to the fact go national when over 80 percent of that it is not free," sophomore Devin The only worries about the site

are if it will be abused by students or not, Yang said.

"The Web site is potential for cheaper textbooks to student's abuse," Yang said. "Some students might be choosing classes not based on need but on if the course might

For more information about the site, visit Pick-A-Professor.com, or call (512) 469-9777.

simplifies college process

By Kristin Summers University Editor

Paper trails at Northwest will soon be dwindling down, as sending transcripts, applications for admissions and resumes can all be sent electronically.

Northwest is in the implementation stage with ConnectEdu, a company focused on improving the college application process, of having transcripts and other paperwork sent to Northwest online through Connect-Edu's online portal "Connect!."

"Connect!" was launched in 2005 and allows students, high school counselors and parents to send paperwork electronically, research over 3,700 colleges and keep track of financial aid opportunities. Employees can also use

"Connect!" to send resumes. The portal is basically exporting information in Excel, said Tom DeSantes, ConnectEdu's marketing

Bev Schenkel, enrollment manage-Northwest using the program. Other student's progress, DeSantes said. Missouri universities using "Con-

Missouri State University and several Missouri community colleges, such as Metropolitan Community College and State Fair Community College.

Some of the local high schools on board with "Connect!" are King City, West Nodaway and Platte County, according to ConnectEdu.org High schools partnered with "Connect!" use the portal for free but

have to keep a fairly high percentage of students involved with Connect!, Schenkel said. Founder of ConnectEdu and Maryville native Craig Powell said

ConnectEdu approached Northwest because many of their community college partners in Missouri work with Powell said he was always try-

ing to find a way to make the college application process easier, which is why "Connect!" was created. "It's not rocket science," Powell said. "It's good organization."

Everything a student does on ment dean, announced in January to Connect! is tracked on a dashboard, local high school counselors about so parents and counselors can see a Along with sending paperwork

online, students take an interactive video survey and "Connect!" builds a profile of what universities meet the interests of the student and also lets the student know what classes they need to get into the college.

Students can go to Connect! and look up any college in the United States, but if the University is not a partner with "Connect!", then the features of "Connect!" are limited,

Also, for high school students to send paperwork electronically the high school has to be a partner of "Connect!", DeSantes said.

Students can also see if they were accepted to a college on "Connect!", but Northwest still plans to mail out acceptance letters, Schenkel said.

Each high school varies on how long it takes to be put in the "Connect!" system, because every high school's courses have to be implemented onto "Connect!.

No date is set for when "Connect!" will be up and running for high school juniors to use, which is Northwest's target audience, Schenkel said.

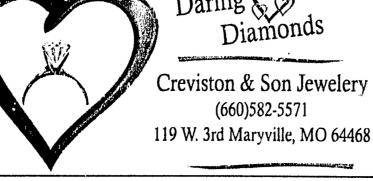
She hopes it will be ready for use





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COMMUNITY

By Marcus Meade

they have so far.

Community News Editor

The city of Maryville's town

square will undergo renovations in

the upcoming months—if they can

Sand and Construction to renovate

the downtown square area.

find the money to finish them.

Parade celebrates 20th year

Senior Reporter

A beautiful day, a large crowd and the wearing of the green could only mean one thing. No, it's not a Bearcat football game, it's time again to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Just as in years past, the annual world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade will take place in Maryville. This year the celebration turns 20 and the host of the parade, The Palms, is planning a big party.

Manager Dan Nowosielski said anyone can participate in the parade "Anybody who wants to put anything in the parade

can come by and put it in if they want to, no charge," While other establishments and individuals around

Maryville are planning to participate in the parade, Nowosielski said members of The Palms have their own plans for the parade as well. "We'll do a little float trailer thing and Palms Girls will be on it throwing beads," Nowosielski said.

Nowosielski also said a tradition with the parade will continue at the conclusion. "At the very end, the dump truck comes through and dumps green water everywhere," Nowosielski said. "The

dump truck comes by and fills the tank up with water and we have a big thing of green dye we throw in there." Maryville has been know for holding the record for the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade since Guinness World Records came to the city in 1998, however, Maryville may have a competition on their hands thanks to an annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Hot Springs, Ark.

The Hot Springs version of the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade takes place on the world's shortest active street according to Leysa Roberson, a Hot Springs city official. Robertson said representatives from Ripley's Believe

that bears the same name.

it or Not came to Hot Springs in the '60s and named Bridge Street the world's shortest street. When the St. Patrick's Day parade began taking place on the street, the celebration was dubbed the

world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade. The Hot Springs parade measures 98 feet long, however, Maryville shortens its route every year to keep the

Guinness World Record. Nowosielski said this year's parade will measure

Both cities manage to have a Grand Marshall every year, but Hot Springs manages to bring in big celebrities like Pauly Shore and this year's Grand Marshall Mario nity serve as Grand Marshall.

Nowosielski said letters have been sent out to people like the President Bush and Jay Leno to be a Grand Marshall, but they are usually turned down or don't hear a response. Maryville's world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for 3:17 p.m. on March 17.

government and donations from hill," said Joyce Cronin, fund raisbusinesses and individuals, some ing chairwoman for the CCR. "It's of which are part of a tax credit,

Streetscape project looking for dollars

TWO-YEAR-OLD Charity Sutton hangs on tight to her bucket of sidewalk chalk and puppy, Cassie, Tuesday afternoon at Beal Park. Charity's family spent some time at Beal drawing in the parking lot and playing on the playground.

'BRIGHT, SUNSHINY DAY'

gap as well by cutting its costs by the community leery about down-Officials are in the process of fund \$25,000, Rietz said. raising to acquire the \$500,000 neces-"We are close to having enough sary to bridge the gap between the phase one," Rietz said. "...about be up to them.

amount needed for the Streetscape renovation project and the amount The city council accepted the roughly \$1.5 million bid from Loch

all the funds available for phases of bricks. "We've broken the project up two and three the project may not into various phases," City Manager be finished in one year. Mike Rietz said. "So that we could find out how much it would take to—raising, the Campaign for Com—memory of a loved one or recognizdo a certain amount of the project munity Renewal, which has been ing different families in Maryville, because we knew we didn't have instrumental in fund raising for this Cronin said. enough money to do the whole project, will also do its part to help

Funds raised so far have come

something that's been tried, but now, it's getting done." Loch Sand and Construction Cronin's afraid that those trials is doing its part to help bridge the and subsequent failures have made

money, plus contingency, to do renovation, but fund raising may

The money for the rest of the With the "base bid" phase of the project will come entirely from project beginning this spring and donations, Cronin said. One of phase one close to its fund raising the donation methods made availgoal, Rietz recognizes that with not able for people is the purchasing

For \$250 a person can purchase a brick that will be placed around the To help hurry the pace of fund courthouse. This brick is often in

"The downtown trend in the

Citizens may be leery about

"Our goal is to just keep it going," Cronin said. "So that there raise the money needed. will always be money to keep them from a grant given by the federal United States has been going down- going until its finished."

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

Microsoft offers advice for small businesses online

The Northwest Missouri Small Business Development Centers announced to small business owners that Microsoft will sponsor an electronic Small Busi-

ness Summit from March 19 to 23. The summit will be available online and at certain theaters nationwide. Speakers for the event will include authors and heads of business. The NMSBDC encourages all of its clients to participate.

For more information on the summit, contact Senior Regional Director Frank Veeman at 562-1701.

MPR brings youth baseball, softball registration

Registration for the 2007 youth baseball and softball programs has begun.

Maryville Parks and Recreation will hold registration until March 30. Youth leagues are for children ages five to 15. Specific age categories can be found at the Maryville Community Center.

Parent coaches will also be needed for each team with practices beginning the week of April 23. For more information, call 562-2923.

Community Blood Center hosts blood drive at Methodist Church The Community Blood Center will host a blood

drive, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 27, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Photo identification is required for those wanting

to donate. This is a new policy in place since Jan. 1 Cholesterol levels will be tested on the blood, and donators are asked to eat well and drink plenty of fluids beforehand. Appointments to donate may be made online

"maryvillecomm." All blood donated will go to help local hospitals. For more information on donating, contact Carol Jean Osborn at 582-8967.

at Esavealifenow.org by using the sponsor code

Maryville Department of Public Safety prepares for severe weather

The Maryville Department of Public Safety is preparing for the severe weather months ahead. To make sure everyone else is prepared as well they have three tips for being prepared for inclem-

One, know what all the different warnings mean, two, stay well informed on current weather conditions and three, plan ahead.

Countryside Christian Church hosts Easter breakfast

The Countryside Christian Church will hold a breakfast Easter morning at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be cooked by the church's male

For more information call 5822191

Students to raise money tor troops

By Andrea James Chief Reporter

Maryville High School students will hold an event to show support

for local troops. MHS faculty and students invite the community to raise money for the 129th Field Artillery B Battery unit located in Fort Dix, N.J., Monday, March 19, through Friday, March 23, said Janet Jelavich, Maryville High School English department chair.

are MHS graduates. The money raised will go to items such as games, DVDs and CDs to entertain soldiers in their down time and other things the entire unit can use. MHS will hold a week-long penny drive and an intramural basketball

tournament Wednesday, March 21.

Fourteen of the 70 troops in this unit

"The goal is not so much the making of money but letting the soldiers know we support them," Jelavich said. Eight teams will participate in the intramural basketball tournament in MHS gymnasium, she said. There is a fee of \$20 for each team to enter and the winning team will play a MHS faculty team. There is no charge for admission; however, donations for the troops will

The project started in Jelavich's English classes and now it is a school wide event, she said. Her English 4 donate.

students, Brooke Veer in particular, came up with the idea to support their troops. They tried to think what would benefit soldiers the most. "It is important they know people here are thinking of them and that they are not forgotten," Veer said.

located at Fort Dix. Auten graduated in 2005 and has been in the military since his junior year, she said. MHS student Ryan Schieber has also helped with the event; he has a family member in the troop. In January, Schieber and fellow classmates

Joshua has been in Fort Dix since November, Ryan said. He is a combat medic and has been in military since

October 2003.

wrote letters to Joshua Schieber, Ryan's

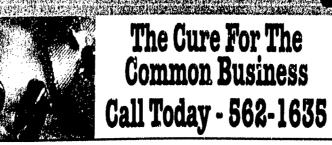
brother. Every soldier received a letter

A core group of four or five students started planning for fundraiser in December, Jelavich said. They met in the mornings and during class to organize the event. "The students organized everything. I think it's important for stu-

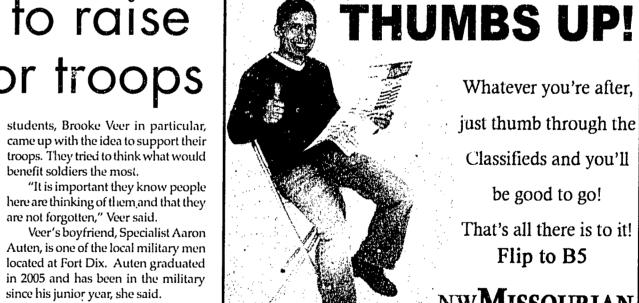
munity," Jelavich said. Jelavich would also like to see the community support the troops and

dents to be involved in community

service and to be active in the com-



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MARCH IS NATIONAL **NUTRITION MONTH**

Nutrition Counseling services are available through Campus Dining to all students.



Julie Livengood, Registered Dietitian Appointments made by calling 562-1252

or email live@nwmissouri.edu

Julie is also available at the Wellness Center every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm.

Salon (660)562-3200 105 South Buchanar Maryville, MO 6446

Patty Spire

Joni Bargman

Terri Lager

We Can Cut Team's Name in Your Hair

Northwest BE WELL Committee and St. Francis Hospital and Health Services presents

& Health Fair Benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

CAT WALK 2007

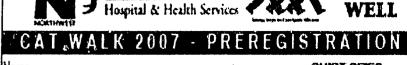
at Bearcat Arena Health Fair from 8am to 11am

Saturday, March 31

Walk from 9am to 11am Cholesterol Screening - \$15.00 - (10 hour fast recommended) • Bone Density Scans - FREE • Blood Pressure Screening - FREE · Lung Function Screening - FREE • Cat Walk t-shirt - FREE

Please bring clean shoes to walk in Bearcat Arena.

Join the BE WELL Committee and St. Francis Hospital & Health Services for a fun-filled morning! Pre-registration participants will receive a special "Cat Walk for Cystic Fibrosis t-shirt and have the opportunity to walk, run, or jog (you decide) around the track of Bearcat



SHIRT SIZES: Children Small 6-8

REGISTRATION DUE BY March 16 Please enclose \$2 pre-registration fee per person. Register at the Northwest Student Services or St. Francis Hospital and Health Services.

Family Member's Names T-Shirt Size

Medium 10-12 Large 14-16 Adult Small Adult

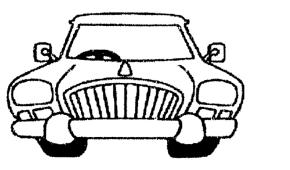
Medium Adult Large Adult SL, XXL, XXXL

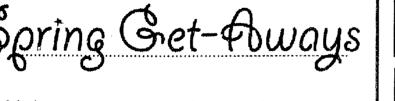
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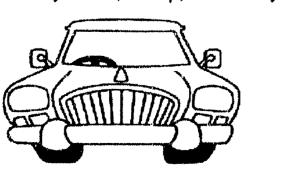


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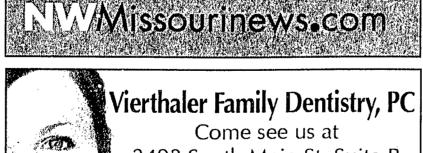


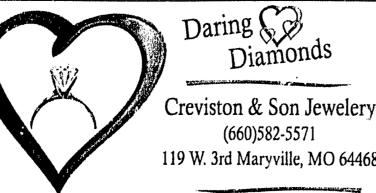




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MISSOURIAN

REQUIEM FOR A FALL GUY

-OURVIEW

St. Jude effort applauded

It's not every day a campus can come together and unite behind a common cause.

We at the Northwest Missourian would like to commend the individuals and Greek organizations that raised a total of \$51,754 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the inaugural "Up 'til Dawn" event. The groups surpassed their original goal of \$50,000.

St. Jude is a research hospital that offers medical services regardless of a families' ability to pay. The hospital is also a pioneer in medical research.

It's also not every day that we get to commend a group or individuals for their charity work, but Northwest's "Up 'til Dawn" event even surprised St. Jude. St. Jude director Veronica Petree said Northwest students did far better than schools of this size.

Friday night Northwest students came together to stay up all night in honor of those family members and friends who stay up with their loved ones through the pain and devastation cancer bestows on families.

The event consisted of everything from Sumo wrestling

to performances by Towncrier and Grasshopper Takeover. But the most touching moment of the night was when cancer survivors stepped forward to the microphone in front of the performance stage to speak about how St. Jude had helped their families and to thank Northwest students for their generosity.

Standing with her 8-year-old daughter Natalie, Northwest alumna Tausha Taylor began to weep thinking back on how much St. Jude had helped her daughter. After being diagnosed with brain cancer, the cancer spread to her orbital socket and her eye had to be removed. At the end of this month, Natalie will get a surgery to replace the eye at St.

"Just knowing that I have extra time with her is most important to me," Taylor said.

She owes that extra time in part to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and generous students like those at

Our hats off to you, participants: Without the 9,000 letters vou sent out and the numerous other fund raisers, none of this would have been possible.

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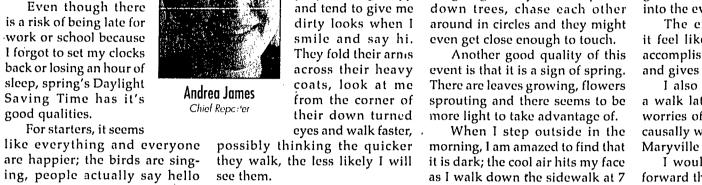
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scenery," **Corey Simmons** Geography



They fold their arms

eyes and walk faster, .

During the fall

and winter months

dirty looks when I

Now, people walk with their a.m. The dark sky slowly fades to and even the squir- heads high and mouths smiling. a medium blue as I look to the east rels some how seem They proudly strut across campus and birds are singing to welcome and say hello to anybody who a new day. walks by.

outgoing. They climb up and good time feeling that lasts well and tend to give me down trees, chase each other into the evening. around in circles and they might smile and say hi. even get close enough to touch. it feel like I have more time to Another good quality of this accomplish everything I need to

across their heavy event is that it is a sign of spring. and gives me motivation. coats, look at me There are leaves growing, flowers from the corner of sprouting and there seems to be a walk later in the day without their down turned more light to take advantage of. worries of it getting dark. I can

As the day progresses, the

Even the squirrels seem more sun's warm rays send down a The extended light makes

I also love that I can go for When I step outside in the causally walk down the streets of

are happier; the birds are sing- they walk, the less likely I will it is dark; the cool air hits my face I would much rather spring as I walk down the sidewalk at 7 forward than fall back.

-MYVIEW

good qualities.

-- MYVIEW

Saving Time creates a

multitude of feelings for

different people; some

people hate it, some

are confused by it and

I love it.

Online dating worth a try

Daylight Savings Time has perks

Call me bored, Call me curious. Call me dissatisfied with the male dating pool in Maryville.

Some may call it desperate or weird. But most of those people are from small towns where Internet dating is like some foreign concept they are afraid to get within an arms reach of-afraid it's going to rub off on them like the plague or the Bearcat Clap.

I like to refer to myself eclectic. I like a variety of different personality traits and I love the idea of being able to pick and choose compatibility factors. I don't understand how this immediately makes me ugly, desperate or lame.

months of dating to find out you

sometimes free, you every person I don't know on the common can jump online and Internet is really waiting to corenter in who you are ner me and kill me. If you're not general safety precautions need to and what you're look- satisfied with the dating options be taken. You should always get ing for. In addition to you've been dealt, I say it's time to to know the person as much as finding a job, furni- scream "Go Fish!" and draw from possible, meet in a place around ture or roommate, you a different type of deck.

slist.com, an online guys I've met on the Internet. One who you're going with. classified site, to find of whom I dated for nine months a potential date for and the other who I dated for two want to be anymore, it's worth a absolutely free. You months. We got that awkward shot. What do you have to lose? get to ask for and get small talk over an overpriced. It's time to throw this antiquated sometimes exactly dinner out of the way because notion out of the window of how what you want instead going into it we knew tons about "weird" Internet dating is and of wasting weeks or each other. We knew we already had the for singles.

aren't compatible at least on a same views on religion, politics I've had friends complain of they didn't smoke cigarettes and could be your soul mate. I'm here the men they find at the bar only occasionally drank like I do. I to say I am not desperate or weird wanting a one-night stand, but yet knew they both read books and and would much rather take my I'm lectured on how a man I meet enjoyed intelligent conversation. chances with the some of the men on the Internet could be an axe No guessing, no awkward tap on the Internet than some of the murderer. I guess I have more faith dance. We already knew going in men of Maryville and the good ole For a low monthly cost or in human beings than believing we were going to have things in Bearcat Clap.

Of course, with blind dating in lots of people and always tell can also use Craig- I've gone on dates with two someone where you're going and

I say if you're single and don't realize it's an acceptable option

So judge me if you will or take and future goals. I already knew a chance on finding someone who

I am a proud NW grad myself

I also feel that one cannot get

& did move back to Maryville for

many of the reasons that attracted

-COMMENTSFROMNWMISSOURINEWS.COM

In response to "Maryville short on money for changes"

Paul Thompson posted 3/07/07

Has anyone thought why sales tax revenues are down in the City of Maryville? Maybe the city should take a look to the West side of town. I speak of the University. Has the University considered the impact of all its online offerings? I in turn means loss of sales tax rev- people will stay away. enue. Think about it, if kids can go

Maybe somebody should ask why aren't the number of online classes it, just ask other local businesses such as restaurants, retail, c-stores,

Although I believe it is importhink not. As a business owner, & tant that Northwest be a responother local business owners & uni- not believe it is the responsibilversity professors, I have seen first ity of Northwest to support it. hand the impact of so many online Unfortunately it seems the busiofferings that one could almost ness people of Maryville have PT never have to sit in a classroom depended on students for so long posted 3/09/07 to get a degree. It is most easily without actually catering to their seen during the summer tri-mes- lifestyle. Being a student is transiter where there was once quite a tory certainly, but Maryville seems few students still in Maryville to to have developed a community to make Maryville a place that staying here, then what is the almost none now. Don't look at that focuses on the residents and overall enrollment figures, but the students seperately. Until busithe breakdown showing online ness leaders decide they can make versus total. This basically means the city of Maryville a place that Applebees for example, would ate it, please enlighten us. that there is no outside influx of people (both students and others) spending dollars in the city which will want to be and live, more

Let's be honest, Maryville is home, live for free, take classes on a rural community in an age of

everything. posted 3/09/07

wouldn't a student want to receive — locate here if they didn't think they their higher education in a place—could generate the revenues? limited? Don't take my word for where they can make a decent living at the same time?

So I put it to this business perlandlords, etc. I think you will son that it is not a time to regulate me to it in the first place. find a disturbing link between the school and its success, but to reexamine your own business—the same education from an online practices, take charge of the situation and make your business a place that attracts more patrons. Do not try to change the insti-

tution you rely upon to make a I have had this conversation with sible part of the community, I do living to suit your needs, change your practices to roll with the spending.

I don't think you are quite

understanding my point. I believe businesses DO try everybody wants to live. Look at reason?

class, or life experiences for that matter, rather than actually stepping foot into Maryville. The main point is this, we all know that X amount of sales tax revenue is generated by student

> If students are not physically in Maryville, then that revenue is not generated & thus the City does

> not have that money to spend on improvements. If businesses are trying to fill students needs & they are not

If you, Anonymous, can think Do you think restaurants, of a better reason & can substanti-



CAMPUSTALK

What is your ultimate Spring Break?



"Colorado because of the skiing and



a computer when they feel like it, large cities. Opportunity exists in

why would they stay in Maryville? areas with a large population. Why

"Somewhere warm and on the beach," Zach Sherman



"California because I've never been there," Kerrie Bales



"Ireland to watch an international soccer game" Tyler Schmidt Secondary Education



"A week in Colorado because I've never been and would like to go Travis Rinehart

Feb. 28

Property damage, vehicle damage, 2600 block S. Main ■Matthew M. Messick, 29, Maryville, DWI, 300 block E. First.

PUBLICSAFETY

■Larceny/Stealing, Coat and contents, 300 block N. Market

■Lonnie E. Mabin Jr., 24, St. Joseph, Mo, DWI second, driving while revoked and careless and imprudent

■Janelle L. David, 24, Maryville,

■Larceny from a vehicle, tuxedo, brown purse, 900 block S. Dunn.

■ Zachary E. Chambers, 20, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 1000 block N. Buchanan

■Larceny/Stealing, Ongoing Investigation, 1800 block S. Main

■Grant E. McCollum, 21, Maryville, DWI second, 400 block N. Walnut

March 6

■Ryan S. Rush, 19, Maryville, DWI, speeding, 1700 block N. Grand Ave ■Property Damage, vehicle damage, 315 block S. Vine

ACCIDENTS

March 7 ■Katherin G. Kelly, 16, Maryville, collided with Leslie L. Combs, 56, Maryville, at Munn and Highland Ave. Kelly was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

BIRTHANNOUNCEMENTS

Jayden Lee Puckett

Jayden Lee Puckett was born Match 5, 2007, to parents Clarissa and Ron Puckett, Maryville, Mo., at St. Francis Hospital.

Jayden weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins brother Blake Beederstadt and sister Natash Puck-

his parents, four brothers and five Grandparents are Janice Karn, St. Joseph, Mo., Ralph White, Maryville, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March and Bonnie Makings, Maryville. Great-grandparent is Betty Cou- 17 at the Danfelt Funeral Home,

Owen William Martin Owen William Martin was born

March 2, 2007, to parents Rolland and Cynthia Martin, Sheridan, Mo., at St. Francis Hospital. Owen weighed 7 pounds. Grandparents are Bill and Rosalea Kelley, Hopkins, Mo., Carla

and Larry Vore, Pickering, Mo.,

and Curtis and Marsha Martin, Hopkins. Great-grandparents are Betty Kelley, Clearmont, Mo., Marvin and Caren Ebling, St. Joseph, Mo., and Bill and Caroel Spalding, Hopkins. Great-great-grandmother is

OBITUARIES

Mimi Wolverton, St. Joseph.

Alpha Mary (Wilkinson) Midyett, 79, of Ravenwood, died Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at Arbor View Nursing Home, St. Joseph.

She was born, Alpha Mary Wilkinson on Aug. 27, 1927 in Enyart, Mo., the daughter of Lester Martin and Alta Gondola (Smith) Wilkinson. She married Robert "Eldon" Midyett Dec. 5, 1946 in

Mary was a member of the Ravenwood United Methodist Church and the Curry Richardson great-grandchildren; a brother: Rob-Sparks Waldeier American Legion ert Loch Sr. and sister: Shirley Crater, Post #528 Auxiliary, both of Raven- both of Maryville.

She was a homemaker and had services Saturday, March 10, 2007 in been a cook for the Northeast Nod- Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ravenwood.



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She was preceded in death by her husband: Eldon Midyett (July 24, 2003); her parents; a brother, Lester Martin Wilkinson JR and a sister, Betty Jean Wilkinson.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Bob and Judy Midyett, Ravenwood; four grandchildren: Darryl Weems, Ravenwood; Melissa Durdin, Fairview, Okla.; Amy Dewey, Savannah, Mo., and Stacy Danner, Cameron, Mo.; 10 great-grandchildren and four sisters: Carol Jean Palmer, Donna Riley, Beverly Walker and Shirley Downing, all of Maryville.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Funeral Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 16 at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville, with burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ravenwood.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association in Mary's name.

whom he married on April 25, 1958

in Oak Grove, Mo., loving children,

Tammy Reeves, Maitland, Karla

Noble, Kearney, Mo., Alan Rowlett,

Independence, Mo., Rosemary

Rowlett, of the home, sister, Carol

Carr, Kearney, five grandsons,

Jonathon, Nicholas, Michael, James,

Brian, three granddaughters, Ashley,

Sharon, Kristy, three great-grand-

children, Sarah, Chrystian, Nicholas,

beloved granddaughters by mar-

riage, Michele & Nikki.

beloved son-in-law, Darle Noble,

He was preceded in death by

Memorial Services will be held

951 S. Main Street. There will be no

viewing or visitation. Rowlett was

cremated under the trusted care

of Danfelt Funeral Home. Memo-

American Heart Association.

Francis Hospital, Maryville.

1946 graduate of Ravenwood High

School, Charlotte married LD "Mitt"

Ravenwood Christian Church and

had worked at the K-Mart Store in

her husband: Mitt Wilson, June 16,

Jerry Wilson, Liberty, Mo.; John

Wilson, Mexico; James Wilson,

Newton, Iowa; Steven Wilson,

Mitchell Wilson and Mark Wilson,

all of Maryville; five daughters:

Janet Perkins, Phoenix, Ariz.; Joyce

Rankin, Maryville; Joni Welch, War-

ner Robins, Georgia; Lori Nelson,

Middleburg, Fla., and Debbie Jobst,

Maryville; 22 grandchildren; seven

Wilson's family met for burial

Maryville as a sales clerk.

2003 and her parents.

Wilson was a member of the

She was preceded in death by

Survivors include six sons:

Wilson July 13, 1946 in Troy, Kan.

Karl E. Rowlett, 70, of Maitland, died Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Kansas City, Mo.

Jason Eggers will become the Born on Nov. 11, 1936 in Skidnew Maryville High School principal,. more, Mo., he was the son of the late active July 1. Eggers is currently the Bird & Alta (Stults) Rowlett. principal of Mound City Junior-Senior He was of the Methodist Faith. High School.

Until his illness he had been employed with St. Joseph Wilbert his 15 years as current principal at Vault Company and prior to that MHS. Landherr's contract was not as the new MHS principal. opened graves for several cemeterrenewed.The MHS position has been He is survived by his devoted wife Sharon R. (Wilhite) Rowlett

new Spoofhound in charge.

Next school year, there will be a

By Whitney Keyes

Chief Reporter

"I also made time to sit down with

the student council, and see what they wanted out of a principal," Superintendent Vickie Miller said. "I did the same thing with community members and parents."

After much consideration, and recommendations made to Miller, she recommended Eggers to the school Ron Landherr will be ending board. On March 9, an official press Gold Star School in 2004, and also a release was sent out, declaring Eggers NCLB Blue Ribbon School in 2005.

Eggers, who received his bacheposted since before winter break. After 👤 lor's and masters degrees from North- 📉 At MHS, that number will increase to 🧠 their own way," Miller said. "I'm lookreceiving applications, candidates—west, is currently working with the—around 500. This jump will be quite the—ing forward to see what he's got for were reviewed through screening and — University on his Education Specialist — change, Eggers said, seeing as how he — Maryville High School."

Towncrier, rocked the house.

Hailing from Omaha, Neb.,

"We always try to get in three,

No stranger to Maryville, Grass-

"It ends up being another piece

of the pie in regards to our purpose,"

benefit shows, it's one more feather

in our cap. It's a breath of fresh air,

The first step to the success was

getting training. Petree and Petersen

helps be in touch with the commu-

nity, do good things."

it's always enjoyable."

Though he was a vocal music tary school students in his district. teacher for four years at MCJSHS, he jumped for the chance of an adminis-Eggers said.

degree in educational administration. knows even the names of the elemen-

"I've always wanted to do that. It was the goal to go right into adminis- back to Maryville with his family, and trative work." Eggers said. Throughout work at MHS his seven years as principal, MCJSHS was awarded the titles of Missouri

Currently, Eggers oversees 140 students between seventh and 12th grade.

"We are a very close-knit school," However, despite the changes, he said he is still very excited to move

Though Miller said she had no desired, specific changes for MHS in mind, she also is excited to see Eggers

serve as the new principal. "Every administrator has their own style of leadership, they do things

UP 'TIL DAWN: Students celebrate surpassing St. Jude goal

Eggers takes principal position

continued from A1

family members going through chemo and things like that."

Grasshopper Takeover lead singer A total of \$51,152 was raised over the course of the school year in Curtis Grubb said he, along with Northwest's inaugural participation the band, enjoy playing at charity campus handing out pamphlets with the hospital. An additional \$600 events. was raised at the door of the finale for next year. Petree said.

"Other schools, like larger schools, raise lots and lots of money, but we did exceptionally well for a first year school," Petreesaid. "Usually for first hopper Takeover has played the vear schools, they don't expect you to University as well as The Pub. because there's not a lot of publicity, nobody knows about it." Included with the large amount Grubb said. "Playing charity and

of money raised came goal breakers

rial donations may be made to the set by both the St. Jude organization and the group itself. A goal of \$50,000 was set by the Charlotte Claudine (Loch) Wilson, 78, of Maryville, died

"That was our personal goal," Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at St Petersen said. "St. Jude's goal for us Jude Children's Research Hospital. was only thirty (thousand)." She was born Oct. 4, 1928 in All in all, everything led to one Ravenwood, the daughter of Claude big evening. and Della (O'Banion) Loch. A

> racquetballs and loud grunts are the usual sounds of the Northwest Student Recreation Center, for one night it became the center of a large fund raising festivity. From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. families,

There were inflatable games, a spa room, karaoke and a Texas hold

em tournament. The Bearcat Step-

Members of Up 'til Dawn got to enjoy eight hours of fun, games and

set off to Memphis last summer to St. There they learned fundraising skills to raise money throughout Maryville and the University campus. "You can tell it's such a different While running feet, echoing

hospital and that's why I chose this," Petree said. "It sounds cliché to say, but you really just fall in love with the students, as well as the Executive of an impact you're making."

hospital down there. When you get to visit, you see how much the children love the hospital and how much After returning from Tennessee, recruitment for the group began.

Amy Kirkendall, a Northwest stu-

"Since it is the first year, we had

dent, grasped the responsibilities.

nothing laid out," Kirkendall said.

pers made an appearance and two "We did it all in about two months, had a speaker come when their group bands, Grasshopper Takeover and but all of us are Greeks, so we had Homecoming before, so it was really

The process Kirkendall used to

recruit was spread throughout the explaining facts about the hospital. Once things were finalized, the four, five a year," Grubb said. "It fund raising took off. With the many things the group

did, Petree said two of the engagements played a big role.

"We're doing a garage sale," Petree said. "We actually had to postpone it, we were hoping to do it before this finale but because of the weather we're doing it April 1."

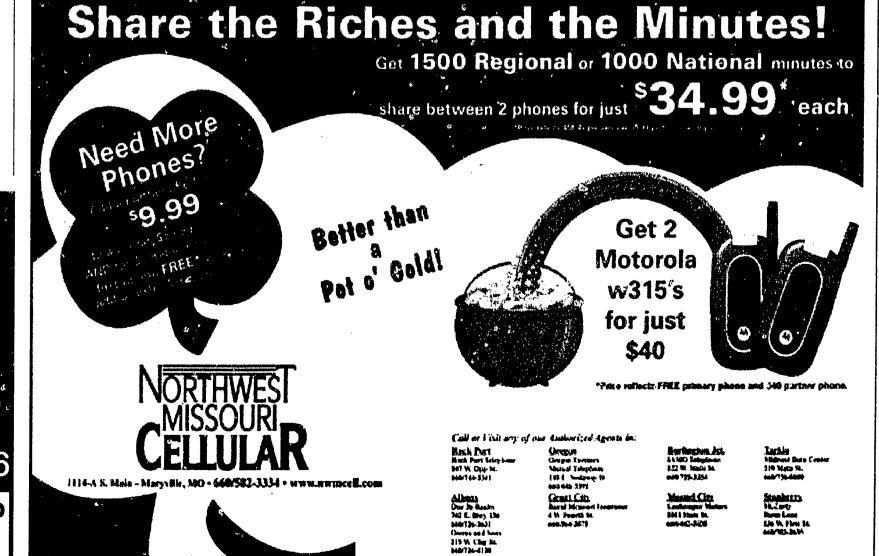
t-shirts were distributed.

The community has already lent a helping hand. "Even community teachers are

Despite being the finale, there

is just one more fund raising event







FRESHMEN SARAH Woody and Lisa as Natalie Swope enjoys some shut eye. "We've been here long enough to see the track team run by, the tennis team play.. who knows how long we'll be here,'

Porter check out a group "boys without shirts!" walking by

CENTER: Center may recieve more funds than previously expected

The University of Missouri lost of research. buildings at its Columbia, Kansas Louis and Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Mo., were also removed.

Blunt's plan to fund the university construction projects through the sale of \$350 million in assets from the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority has faced significant criticism college students from Jefferson City politicians since . The Lewis and Clark Discovery it was introduced to the legislature

Initiative projects are part of Senate

onic stem cell research opponents—on the floor at a later date.

ECKERT: Community, campus come together to celebrate Eckert's life

to journalism.

also very tough on her students. "It was extremely important that we had correct writing," Girard said. " We were expected to know our gram- so much." mar. We also has stringbooks, to keep track of what we had written and how many inches we had."

souri schools for 52 years.

wasn't the end for Eckert. "I would say she was a lifetime Aging in Washington D.C. learner," Girard said. "She had a thirst for knowledge, and she passed

Mangeille Daily Forum, writing a weekly enough. Eckert is always mentioned at column entitled "Grassroots Reflections." Her column focused on natives of her students did follow through of Nodaway County, their daily lives, and their accomplishments. This column also inspired two novels.

sure to stay busy with her numerous was a pretty neat lady."

who were worried those buildings would be used to carry out that type

Despite the changes, Missouri City and St. Louis campuses. Projects Right to Life, the state's largest antiat Harris-Stowe State University in St. abortion group, remains opposed to the measure, and is currently lobbying

> In addition, some of the plan's critics believe taking the \$350 million from MOHELA would weaken its ability to provide affordable loans to

Bill 389. As of press time, the bill was The governor removed the five laid over and no decision was made by projects in an effort to satisfy embry- the Senate. The bill will be discussed

continued from A1 organizations, including AAUW and

the Soroptimist Club. She was involved with several different leadership posi-Eckert's unique style and true tions for these groups, ranging from enthusiasm for learning attracted local to regional positions. students who weren't even attracted

Eckert was the editor for her church newsletter, organized the Though she was fun, Eckert was church library and various other tasks. "Her energy was just unbelievable," Girard said. "She was always moving fast, and still accomplishing

Eckert's enthusiasm and passion helped her win several awards for her work. Most honorably, she was named All together, Eckert served Mis- United States Journalism Teacher of the Year by the Wall Street Journal in 1964. However, the end of her career Later, in 1981, she was asked to attend the first White House Conference on

Her awards may serve as a testament to Eckert's teaching and life, but for many community members, just Eckert also worked with the the inspiration she was to students is MHS reunions, Girard said, and many with journalism.

thing with enthusiasm and vigor," Besides her career, Eckert made Girard said. "Thank God for Opal. She

AUTISM: Local child copes with autism, trying to communicate

of a death by coping with denial, grief and then acceptance when

can learn a

lot from those

with disabili-

ties and until

you walk

in someone

else's shoes,

you don't

know what

Tony's mother.

their child is diagnosed with autism, Roush said. However, many parents findings may lead toward more become proactive by providing additional services for their child. The Francis family treats vices.

In some cases, early interven-Tony as a blessing. "People

Log on to Nwmissourinews.com for video on Tony and his family.

they need," said Diane Francis, group.org.

bus every afternoon, the driver them like a waste if we don't gives a thumbs up or a thumbs find out what causes it or how down to the Francis family based to treat it," said Judy Lawyer, on Tony's bus behavior.

where he can be perfect in some areas and in other areas, he is years behind," Diane said. Because many children with autism must be on a special diet. Tony gobbles down a banana and

takes a vitamin with juice--a glu-

ten-free, egg-free and corn-free to accommodate Tony's needs after-school snack. Upstairs, their house feels warm and cozy with inviting with funding these special serfurniture and family pictures. Downstairs, their house transforms into a classroom plastered Roger Francis, Tony's father, with brightly colored posters and said. filled with games, flashcards and

educational videos. dent tutor three hours each night for intense therapy. Because he is unable to communicate through speaking, they read and

"She always approached every-"Tony is 11-years-old, but every day. he's going through things a 5 or

developmental age and speech and social skills are our huge obstacles," Diane said.

Although the study left unanswered questions on autism's causes, researchers said the government funding for early intervention and autism ser-

lead to losing the autistic

diagnosis or being mainstreamed in schools and society, according to Thehelp-

"So many (autistic children) As Tony jumps off the school are brilliant people, but we treat retired special education teacher

"He's got splinter skills, at Maryville High School. "The more early interventions, the better off everyone is going to be." The Francis family moved to Maryville to provide Tony with the special services he needs in school. They have relocated three

> with developmental services. "Schools have a hard time vices and although it is a burden for schools, they must do it,"

> times to different school districts

Worried that Tony might not fit in at school, his mother made Tony sits with a college stu- a booklet, "All About Me, Tony Francis," to show his new classmates on the first day of school why he is different.

Despite his disabilities, peers learn through sign language to still want to sit next to Tony on improve his social and speech—the bus, play with him at recess and treat him as one of their own

"We just need to enjoy them 6-year old would go through. as they are and learn to see how It is chronological age versus—they see the world," Diane said.



NORTHWEST SOPHOMORE Jason Lacy gets his picture taken with magazine model Brooke Banx on Friday night at the Outback's Pre-Spring Break Bash. Banx, who resides in Los Angeles, spent most of the night signing autographs

Outback banks on Banx

By Marcus Meade Community News

The old mixed with the young. The men mixed with the women, and regulars mixed with the there- parties. The hardest part is the lack for-one-nights as the World Famous of sleep. Outback hosted its Pre-Spring Break Bash, Friday.

The doors opened at 8:30 p.m., but the event really began with the arrival of the night's star, magazine model Brooke Banx. She spent the night signing autographs, taking pictures and

engaging in conversation. While some wanted a simple photo, others wanted more. me," said Maryville resident Eli

the party to meet Banx and catch due to lack of entries. prizes thrown from the balcony, owner Anthony Campobasso said. The event is something Campobasso wants to continue. He would

like to make the pre-spring break party an annual event, he said. Though the event was geared towards men, Campobasso said, he was pleasantly surprised by the

female turnout. Maryville resident Rachel Crawford was among the women who to represent," he said. "...It will only chatted with Banx.

"It's just as much fun for a girl as it is for a guy. It might be even more fun," Crawford said. "I can appreciate a girl's body."

"I have not slept in four days," she said. "You can only do so many

Banx spends a lot of her time at

Going to parties as a form of employment doesn't keep Banx from going out on her own time, however. She parties a lot in her hometown of Los Angeles, she said.

One of the main purposes of having this event was to show Banx that this town could party with the "I want to take her home with best of them, Campobasso said.

Campobasso's plan fell a little short in some areas. The bikini con-Roughly 325 people attended test that was planned was canceled "My sister tried to get me to do

it," Crawford said. "But I don't look good in a bikini." A lack of advertising for the contest may have caused the low

number of contestants, Campobasso Overall, Campobasso will chalk this event up as a win.

"I would definitely consider it a success. I really wanted Northwest get bigger and bigger."

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INSIDE

Walter shines in junior season

By Sam Robinson Chief Reporter

Standing in the batter's box, Andy Walter prepares for another season in Maryville green and yellow. In addition to digging for extra base hits on the baseball diamond, the junior quarterbacked the Spoofhounds

on the gridiron last fall. While scintillating and appealing to spectators, football and baseball, in Walter's eyes, fall short of the sport where he truly masters his craft.

Monday night, Walter was named first-team All-Midland Empire Conference for his play on the bas-

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-MHS BASKETBALL

2 'Hounds receive conterence honors

By David Lamble Missourian Reporter

The accolades are rolling in for two members of the Maryville High School basketball teams.

The Midland Empire Conference's all-conference awards were announced Monday night, and Andy Walter and Jaclyn Guess made the list. As a junior, Walter made the 10 man ail-conference team, while Guess, a senior, received honorable mention. Head boy's coach Mike Kuwitzky said Walter,

along with the rest of the team, produced an enjoyable experience. "They were a great group of guys that had a lot of

class and nice parents," Kuwitzky said. Kuwitzky also stated how Walter's work ethic helped him land a spot on the all-conference list. "(Walter) was very dedicated," Kuwitzky said. "He had a good year shooting... and you could always find him shooting somewhere."

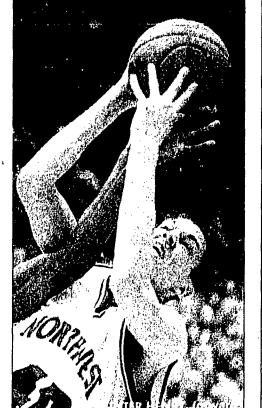
Walter's honor can be attributed to the team's strong dedication and positive attitude Kuwitzky said. Head girl's coach Grant Hageman had much of the same praise for Guess. Hageman said Guess was always a threat on the offensive and defensive end.

"She was definitely a leader for us on the court," Hageman said. "She brought an attitude to this

Hard work and the team's never-say-die attitude helped Guess garner this honor Hageman said. As the only two 'Hounds to make all-conference, Guess and Walter joined players from teams such as district champions Smithville and St. Joseph Benton. The Cardinals won the Class 4 girl's basketball cham-

pionship this year. "Making all-conference in our conference says a lot," Kuwitzky said.

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Semifinal slip

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NORTHWEST GUARD Lance Suliivan walks off the court as the Central Missouri State Mules celebrate in the background after the Bearcats lost to the Mules 72-61 during the semifinal game held in Warrensburg, Mo.

-NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST GUARD April Miller and forward Ashley Baker wait as the final seconds of the game against West Texas A&M. held at the Missouri Western Field house on Friday afternoon. Northwest lost to West Texas A&M 87-72.

Success builds bright future By Scott Levine

Community Sports Editor

As the final seconds withered away on the Northwest women's basketball season, disappointment flooded the player's faces.

The team took the No. 2 seed West Texas A & M to the final buzzer before realizing the tournament dream was over. As the disappointment subsided, a different expression crept upon the player's faces. This new outlook focused on anticipation. Sophomore forward Meghan Brue summed up this

attitude after the first round exit. "This is something to build on," Brue said. "Our goal this year was to advance to regionals. This will be a stepping stone for next year when our goal will be to win the regionals."

All-conference selections Brue and Mandi Schumacher return next year, along with seven Northwest's fourth ever trip to the regional tourgames reduced Steinmeyer's confidence.

As next season's outlook appears to be favorable, Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer cautions—the 'Cats had lost only one game all season. against looking too far ahead.

"There are so many things that can happen," Steinmeyer said. "The strength of the conference and other different variables change from year to jeopardy year. What we have to do next year is to take the

By taking the next step, Northwest must join the top tier of a conference that featured three teams ranked nationally at one point during the season. But reaching those teams' realms seemed like a distant—out and say each game was a must-win. We picked

After building a 9-3 record, the 'Cats looked like

dream only weeks into the conference season. Roadblock

other teammates. Katie O'Grady is the lone senior—a team destined to challenge for a top spot in the on a team that finished 18-13 overall and made conference. But falling in the next two out of three

Then Pittsburg State rolled into Bearcat Arena. The Gorillas brought a 7-7 record into a place where

As the team exited the building that night

however, one aspect became certain. Northwest's chances at the regional tournament were in serious But following the three-point setback, Steinmeyer said one player started understanding the

"If it was one main person, it would have to Brue," Steinmeyer said. "She was the first to come

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Golden Eagles

end, the Bearcats obliterated the ing 17 hits en route to a 20-0 shutout. more starter Bill Disselhoff turned in Golden Eagles, recording four double- First baseman Britt Westman smashed digit wins with a combined score two triples while second baseman by going six innings and striking out of 75-0 at Kansas City's Rockhurst Nick Pfieffer slapped four singles to 12 Golden Eagles.

ters to produce some offense to give going to be there for him." As six of nine losses came against

In game one, Northwest did not

need much hitting as starter Danny Malone struck out nine batters and In a four-game series last week- their two-week hibernation by pound- straight game into a blowout. Sophlead the way.

to be right now," Johnson said. "We Starter Joel Epley equaled Malone's eight in five at-bats. needed those four games to get back game one masterpiece in fanning nine

our pitchers that confidence that we're to be that easy," Britt said. "I don't home know if winning in a blowout gives us a chance to work on a whole lot of ranked opponents, the 'Cats got a stuff because they didn't put us in a tough to beat. breather in playing a team who went whole lot of situations defensively. But that (the offense) is what we needed The Golden Eagles' first four out- to work on because coming out of not going to matter who we face,"

in game three if only momentarily. The fourth inning put an end to that with shortstop John White and Ryley the pitching performance of the series If Disselhoff turned in the series'

Crookston's pitching managed

to stifle Northwest's hitting spree

Game two did not bring much top pitching performance, Crookston's have been mistaken as typos, the support for the helpless Crookston Stephen Funk certainly made a bid for streak to improve to 7-9 on the season. hammer shaky pitching. Senior Bearcat runs in four innings as Ryley Assistant coach Matt Johnson saw catcher Ryley Westman got the 'Cats continued his career weekend at the the team get a much-needed confidence all the runs they would need by plate by going 4-for-6 with two douboost heading into conference play. smashing a three-run homerun off bles. Second baseman Chris Benham

Northwest opens MIAA play Friday with a four-game series against "We didn't know it was going Southwest Baptist at noon Friday at

> Britt believes if the lineup continues its momentum, they will be

"There'll be better pitchers obviously but if we swing like we did, it's

Tennis teams struggle with doubles

winning run in the extra frame.

looked like a team." After Erin Leslie's three-run

apiece off four unearned runs.

Continuing the winning trend, Northwest managed a 7-2 victory over Augustana (S.D.). Simpson clobbered her season's second home run, while Leslie and Santiago-Ber-

outs for her day's second victory. "(Morris) threw well and looked good," Anderson said. "They struggled with her change-up." Morris said she felt good during

"It was nice to get outside," Morris recorded three strikeouts, where we are. I think we are doing well, but there's always room for and allowed one unearned run.

However, on the second day,

and 4-0 to Southern Arkansas. Northwest's defense committed six

errors against Southern Arkansas Friday and Saturday at the Emporia as Cola Krueger fell to 2-1 on the State tournament. The 'Cats square Krueger gave up four hits, 9 a.m., before facing Minnesotastruck out two and allowed one Crookston at 11:30 a.m. Northwest "A couple of girls hammered Cameron (Okla.). the ball, but right at people,"

Anderson said. "We just couldn't Winona (Minn.) State at 11:30 a.m. NAIA No. 5 rated Oklahoma tral Oklahoma at 4 p.m. City managed five runs in the first two innings en route to the victory.

Anderson said the tourna-

"We have some big games com- ment features four teams from the

Machine Work, Stick, Mig-Tig and



Isley brings back All-American honors

'Cats gear up for outdoor season

By Jared Verner lissourian Reporter

Last Saturday, Eric Isley further distinguished himself as one of the top 800-meter runners in results. Northwest history.

2007 NCAA Division II Indoor circled around," Alsup said. "... Track and Field Championships He came back and made it by eight in Boston - becoming the 24th or nine inches." individual in Northwest history to earn indoor All-America honors. honor in the 800-meter run.

His time of 1:51.15 placed him second in the school's alltime performance list, just fourcurrent record of 1:51.11 in 2001.

"I was just happy for Eric," said head coach Richard Alsup, who has now coached 36 different athletes to All-America honors. "Eric qualified last year, but didn't run nearly as well. It was a good

Also competing at the national others are excited about getchampionships was senior high ting out on a nice, soft resilient jumper Bayo Adio. He placed track. We'll see if that excitement ninth with a jump if 6-8 3/4 goes into Thursday's meet at Pitt - narrowly missing All-America State." honors. Adio qualified for the

Returning for the men will be Isley and Calbert, who both championships with a school earned All-America honors in record 6-11 1/2 at the Prairie Wolf Invitational on Feb. 16. That mark their respective events last seawould have placed fifth in the final son. Also back will be junior E. J. Falkner, who finished second in "On his first attempt, his steps the 400-meter and fifth in the 200-He finished in fourth at the got off, and he should have just meter dashes at the 2005 championships. Falkner red-shirted the indoor season to even his indoor and outdoor eligibility.

Senior Diezeas Calbert fin-Women's head coach Scott Lorek and his squad will trek to ished 11th in the triple jump, He is only the third to earn the recording 46-10 3/4 on his first Clarksville, Tenn., on March 16-17 for the Austin Peay Spring Fling. attempt. He missed entering the

"We were mainly looking for a meet with some decent weather "They worked hard," Alsup and decent competition," Lorek hundredths of a second from the said. "They're just as deserving said. "Looking for a great meet school mark. Kyle Keraus set the as anyone. Things just sometimes was not an important thing, but don't happen the way they're sup- we were looking for a good meet. It's a good starter meet."

Lorek said the change of events should be beneficial to his team. teams now turns to the outdoor "We train all year with the Pittsburg State Open for the men. outdoor season in mind," Lorek "I think everyone is all fired said. "I think a lot of the events up," Alsup said. "...I think the suit us better."

-NW SOFTBALL

Different days produce different game results

finals by six centimeters, or two

The focus of both Northwest

season, which begins today at the

By Scott Levine Community Sports Editor

It was a tale of two different teams for Northwest softball coach Ryan Anderson.

only the second time this season, the Bearcats compiled a 2-2 record at the Missouri Southern tournament, running its record to 5-2

The Bearcats won two games March 9, before going scoreless March 10 and losing both match-"We had errors early and we

couldn't rebound," Anderson said about the second day's action. Improving to a school record 5-0, the 'Cats produced two victories on day one. Linellis Santiago-Bernier and Megan Simpson went 3-for-4 and provided late-game dramatics during the 9-8 win over Missouri-St. Louis.

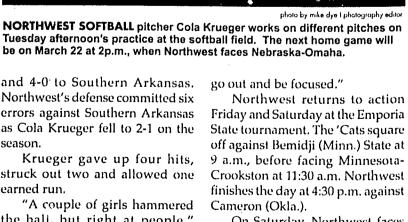
Simpson's seventh inning double knocked in the tying run as Santiago-Bernier's double plated the

"We played defense and hit the ball," Anderson said. "We really

homer gave Northwest a 3-1 advan-

nier added two hits apiece. Morris registered eight strike-

find a break." the team's second tournament. she said. "It was a chance to see



finishes the day at 4:30 p.m. against On Saturday, Northwest faces and ends the weekend against Cen-

"This is a big weekend," Anderson said. "Hopefully we become more comfortable with this extra while Krueger pitched 12/3 innings time outside."





Committee drops the ball

umns are written every fall about how bad the Bowl Championship Series is.

The NCAA tourna-

ment's selection process does not endure similar scrutiny. While I won't remotely defend the BCS, the NCAA's selec-

tion committee won't

get a free pass either

because this year, their

group of aging athletic

based on shoddy criteria.

directors submitted a faulty bracket

dismiss this column as a rant

stemming solely from my beloved

Syracuse's omission from the big

dance, and they're half right. The

shock made me lose it for a moment

and Jim Boeheim blast the commit-

tee in his biggest tirade since curs-

I probably shouldn't be whin-

four years ago and the statute of

hasn't run out: But am I supposed

to take it easy like Stephen Hyde

in the circle just because my team

has already reached the pinnacle of

success? What fun would that be?

tion years in history as legitimate

cases can be made for at least four

teams who are now awaiting the

opening tip of the NIT (a sham of

a tournament that is basketball's

equivalent to college football's pre-

New Years Day bowls). Syracuse,

Kansas State, Florida State and

West Virginia each deserved spots

discussed in bubble banter.

ing consensus Elite 8 pick George-

town by 14 isn't enough then

K-State should have also gotten

in by going 10-6 in the strong Big

'the literal choke artist' Knight's

Arkansas (21-13 7-9 SEC) as they

played in a murderous league this

season and recorded wins over four

12, beating Texas once and Bobby

seeded Marquette.

something is wrong.

in the big dance.

This was one of the worst selec-

McNamera was overrated.

People who know me may

Sam Robinson

this year, which was dedicated to Drexel. The Dragons had some good non-conference wins but were still the fourth-best team in the Colonial Athletic Conference, a resume that screams NIT.

to exclude Drexel.

Although entertaining,

I did not understand

Dick Vitale's annual

mid-major sob speech

Several teams got in

under the committee's strange new trend of rewarding average teams for their effort in conference tournaments. Stanford, Arkansas, Illinois and Purdue's invites should have been extended elsewhere as those are average teams in down conferences that the committee only watched during their lackluster tournaments.

This brings me to my point. The ing at the reporters who said Gerry system is outdated as the selection committee changes its prime entrance criteria almost every year. ing, as SU won a national title One year it's strength of schedule and another it's conference tournalimitations for bringing that up ment play.

What's next: number of road wins in even months? The only things that matter are wins and losses. Not if so and so was injured, not if a team had a stronger nonconference schedule. Strength of schedule is only relevant if you can get wins over

mid-majors or anyone for playing and losing to tough teams. This year's bracket exposed the current system as a crapshoot with "experts" surveying small samples

the whole. The 'Cuse's bubble has burst The selection committee system before but those weren't surprises. should be modified by compris-This season's bracket absence was ing a full-time rankings staff who particularly depressing because, would evaluate and rank teams as Boeheim said, they were not a weekly, instead of once during

No sources had them on their wouldn't want this job? Three bubble watch and they were months of sitting around, watching thought to be safely in the field. and analyzing college basketball. A system like this would make Until this year, I'd never seen a team get left out that was not even—it so teams are judged throughout the season and coaches would

My Orange did set a precedent know what they had to do to get in becoming the first team to win their teams in, and not leave it up 10 Big East conference games and to last-minute judges. be left out of the tourney. In those Skeptics would argue that teams would still be griping about games, SU beat No. 9 Georgetown, eight-seeded Villanova and eightgetting left out. This is true, but they would have less excuses in

If winning 22 games and beat- a system that tells them exactly where they stand. This would increase the level of play in February and March and

that much more exciting. CBS could still do its bracket show with live shots of teams' Texas Tech squad twice. FSU (20-12, reactions as that would be the final 7-9 ACC) should've gotten in over unveiling of the rankings.

would make championship week

But until my format arises, we're stuck with this one. The one whose ineffectiveness has now tournament teams in the process. made Royals spring training my

I did agree with the decision primary source of entertainment.

Merrill grabs more honors

more hardware as a Maryville—team is quite an honor in this conwrestler March 11. Only a fresh-ference. man, Merrill finished fifth at the state tournament, and now can add

second team all-conference and academic all-state to his resume. In order to receive academic or higher. Merrill was also the lone ethic. Spoofhound to attain all-confer-

ence accolades. Drake said this can be attributed to a strong conference. "People have to understand,

Dannen Merrill added a little Drake said. "Even making second During the awards banquet

Tuesday, the wrestling team awarded Cliff Robertson with the Joe Pope Memorial trophy. Drake said this award is given to all-state, the wrestler must place—the wrestler that is good in the at state and achieve a GPA of 3.5 classroom along with a hard work

Robertson also finished the season with the most takedowns, Maryville coach Joe while Jason Davis recorded the season's most pins. Even Johnson received most improved and Merrill was named most outstanding our conference is very strong," wrestler.



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Tappmeyer cautious about drop-off

As the coaching staff begins player evaluations and long hours on the recruiting trial, Tappmeyer is cautious with getting too excited about next season's prospect.

"We had to play very close to our potential in almost every game in conference," Tappmeyer said. "Everybody's psyched for next year and I think there's potential for a drop off. It's very challenging,"

After Central Missouri ended Northwest's 24-7 season in the South Central Regional semifinal, Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer spoke about the season.

"Right now, we're focused on how special this team was and how special of a season we had," Tappmeyer said after the 72-61 loss.

After being picked fifth in the MIAA preseason poll. Northwest won a share of that role the regular season title. Hunter Henry had a breakout season and won the MIAA Player of the Year, while Tappmeyer was named coach of the year. Lance Sullivan won the freshman of the year and John Hawkins was named to and when they come back in the fall." the all-defensive team."

One of the areas Tappmeyer said he wants to address during the recruiting season is about the team coming together as one. rebounding. Northwest finished second to worst in the league in rebounding and it into it," Peterson said.

showed in losses to Pittsburg State in the MIAA conference tournament and Central in the playoffs.

"We still won some games, but we just got it handed to us on the boards," Tappmeyer said. "We need to go to the returning players and get that extra couple of inches on the vertical and add some extra pounds."

Reggie Robinson and Victor James are the only players lost to graduation. Mose Howard, last season's leading scorer, returns from a knee injury and will replace Robinson at the point.

"We're going to miss Vic and Reggie, both on and off the floor," forward Andy

Tappmeyer said he will miss the leadership of James and Robinson. Right now, it's uncertain who will step into "I think we have a number of guys

that can do that, but it's hard to tell," Tappmeyer said. "Part of that happens between now and May when they leave Peterson said he hasn't had a chance

to reflect on the season, but said it was all "Coach has a system and we bought



On the offensive end, Brue

battled back from an injury to lead

the team in scoring. Brue averaged

almost 13 points per game with a

season-high 31 against Missouri

Western. Brue redshirted last season

this year, but we have to be able to

beat those better teams," Steinmeyer

teams proved difficult for the 'Cats

young squad. Northwest compiled

a 0-10 record against ranked oppo-

top three finishers in the MIAA

experience, fused with recruiting

experienced players, should produce

a team capable of challenging for the

three years ago I didn't do a good

job recruiting," Steinmeyer said.

"It's really important to add experi-

"We have to be a challenge for

said. "If we aren't, then I'm not doing

"I've been here eight years, and

But Steinmeyer said the team's

"We had some people step up

Beating the conference's elite

WALTER: 2-sport athlete at MHS

out by winning five of their first six

MEC play. The losing spell continued

until season's end as the 'Hounds

found no cure for their defensive

lapses and overall inconsistency.

Despite losing 15 of their last 18 to

wind up 8-16, Walter had the best

Walter tallied 24 points, mostly from

Bishop-LeBlond last December,

Walter, in what he would call his best

Walter was still not content as his

"We played to team's levels," he

team plummeted to the cellar of the

said. "If they were a worse team than

us we played to their level, which got

we'd play up to them but it wasn't

us beat a lot. And if they were good,

game, swished seven 3-pointers.

conference down the stretch.

points on several occasions.

season of his career, notching over 20

Against Chillicothe in January,

But after the non-conference slate

continued from **B2**

games, including capturing the Nodaway County Tournament title. Walter said the other two sports he plays cannot quite match the atmosphere that excelling on the closed, the team found themselves hardwood brings. mired in a slump that consumed

"I love when our crowd's really into it during a close game," Walter those teams, you can't just reward said. "The adrenaline rush is definitely there.

"Hitting a big three in a big gante would be bigger thrill than hitting a The all-conference honor is Walof teams' body of work instead of

ter's first of his high school career and the 'Hounds' only member of any of the squads. Averaging nearly inside of the arc, to lead Maryville to 17 points, the guard led Maryville in one of its final wins. Against Plattsscoring the entire year, a feat that he burg on Feb. 23, Walter netted 20 accomplished during the 2006 season of his team's 35 points and against

Coach Mike Kuwitzky said,

aside from his talent from beyond the arc, Walter's dedication to the game is what impressed him most. "His shooting was his best asset, especially his 3-point shooting," Kuwitzky said. "He took basketball

> very seriously, always looking to improve his game." Even when we weren't practicing, which was very little this season, good enough. but on a Sunday you could find him

game appearance. He contributed

mostly on the freshman team, see-

ing little varsity action on a team

that qualified for the Class 3 state

tournament. His second year, he led

Walter said locker room dissen-

"It was tough. Our team unity

wasn't there because we were all

tired of losing so we were always

arguing," Walter said. "This year was

a little better but not too much better.

This season, the 'Hounds started

But our unity was there this year."

stumbled to a 5-21 record.

sion doomed that team.

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In the district quarterfinals shooting and preparing himself in against Plattsburg, Walter helped his team rally by sinking late three's but the gym. It really paid off." After playing competitive basit was for naught as his team-high 20 ketball for six years, Walter arrived points weren't quite good enough to at Maryville in the fall of 2004, six give the 'Hounds another game. months removed from a state title

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Playing on teams where success has been few and far between since his arrival, individual honors may have to suffice as he prepares for his final year as a 'Hound. Walter will return to the 'Hound

the team in scoring on a squad that Pound for his senior season under the Friday night lights this fall but already has his mind on how he can lead his basketball troops to a district title come winter.

"I definitely want to win the Nodaway County tournament again,

as 2006-2007 season ends

FUTURE: Team losing one player

Northwest rattled off consecutive victories against Central Missouri, Truman State and Pitt State during the first part of February. This was the first time the 'Cats strung together victories since Dec. 9.

During the season's latter part,

specific players emerged as catalysts

on the offensive and defensive ends. One player taking on a different role was O'Grady. A starter for most of the season, O'Grady started coming off the bench and provided timely three- nents and a 0-7 record against the

point shooting. I started playing better," O'Grady said. "This experience was a good

O'Grady notched 24 points during the season's final game against Fort Hays State. Along with O'Grady, April Miller and Lauren Williams established themselves as go-to players on the defensive end.

Continually drawing the opposition's best outside threats, Miller and Williams joined Kelli Nelson as defensive stalwarts. Williams and Nelson led the team with over two steals a game,

conference Player of the Year Emily

half during the tournament's first

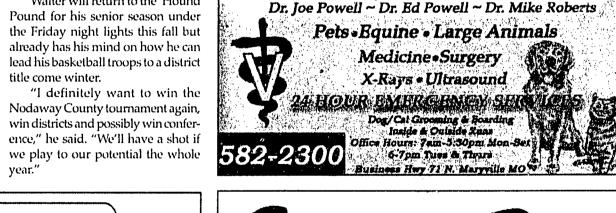
The 'Cats previous appearance in the regional tournament came in 2004, but during the following two seasons, Northwest managed a combined 28-30 record. Steinmeyer said this shouldn't happen again. while Miller held Lone Star all-

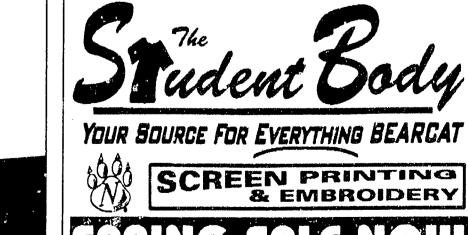
Brister to only six points in the first—the region every year," Steinmeyer

conference.

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NORTHWEST BASEBALL player Ryan Rush loses control of the bat during bunting practice held on the baseball field on

'Cats destroy

By Sam Robinson Chief Reporter

Saying the Northwest baseball team swept Minnesota-Crookston would allowed only one hit in his six innings be the understatement of the year. of work. The bats did awake from driving in four runs to turn the third

University. Amassing four scores that could 'Cats snapped their eight-game losing squad as Northwest continued to the worst. He allowed 23 of the 28

on track. It was really nice for our hit- Golden Eagles in six innings.

ings of this season did nothing to alter Florida we weren't hitting real well." he said.

By Ashley Lovely Missourian reporter

Both Northwest tennis teams struggled against No. 18 Midwestern State, Monday at Frank Grube Court. Sophomore Emily Lindsay said both teams struggled with doubles

after losing your doubles, being 0-3,

getting at least one would have really with just one or two small points,"

only doubles match, defeating Travis

Chris Smith and Jake Saulsbury won "It's hard to come back and win their matches, leaving the final score 5-4. We hung pretty close with No. 10

helped," Lindsay said. "We had a few senior Chris Smith said. "Overall I'm said. "It's good to play these top rated

unforced errors and things we can not that upset with the loss, we tried teams, it's giving us a lot of good expe-

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The doubles team of Lucas Ariand service returns, because that's boni and Felipe Gennari won the what tennis is."

defeated No. 47 Stefan McKinney. Both teams has helped them in experience.

"The matches were really close, ranked Drury and we knew Mid-

hard. We need to practice our volleys riences for our conference matches."

Although the men dropped two of in singles matches, defeating Brynne their doubles matches, they came back Chappell. The women lost 6-2, but to tie in singles when Pablo Acebedo Lindsay said losses to nationally ranked

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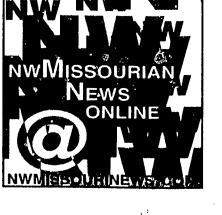
only Bearcat to get a win for the team "We aren't put off by these losses.

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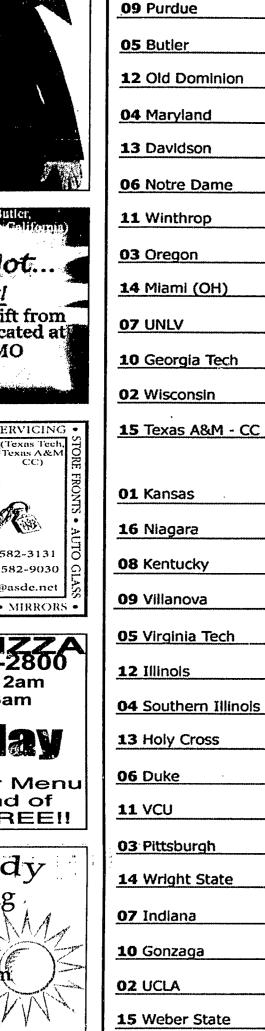
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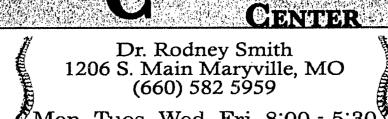
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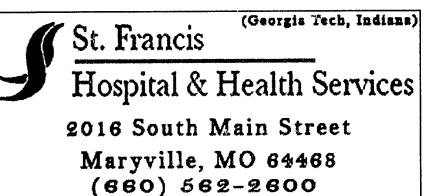
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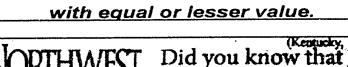
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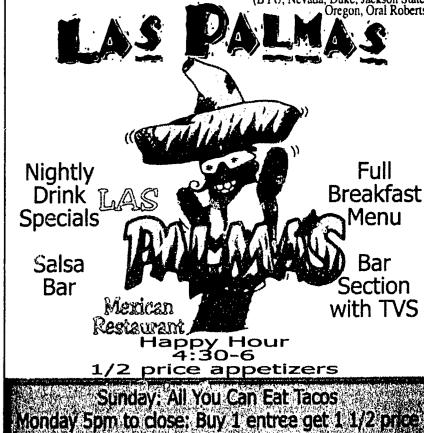
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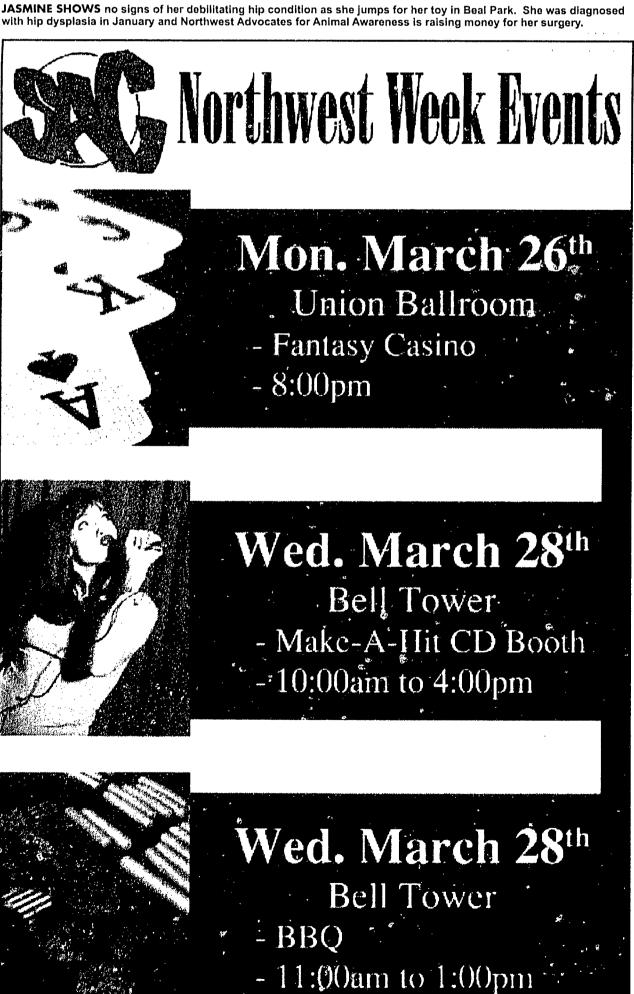




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Dog gone shame

Group helps Humane Society ensure animals safety through 'Buddy Program', encouraging adoption

By Andrea James Chief Reporter

She acts just like any other

She loves to chase tennis balls, jump for her squeak toy and play with her companion, Roxie. Her owners describe the one-and-a-half bug that loves to give kisses.

"lasmine once laid down with a litter of kittens whose mother—ate ligaments in was ran over by a car and let them both of her hind suckle off her. She was trying to legs, Graves protect them," owner Eddie Graves said. The next

Even though Jasmine looks couple that Jasnormal on the outside, there is mine was suffersomething on the inside that makes ing from pains her different. Her problem can't be because she was seen when she is running or jump- still a young a debilitating hip condition called

Hip dysplasia is a genetic bothers her; especially in the cold disease that causes various forms weather. Jasmine still has a little of arthritis, according to Offa. puppy in her," Graves said. org, a Web site sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. American pit bull terriers are ranked in the top 26th for dogs with this condition – of 535 pit bull terriers tested by the OFFA, 22.4 percent were found to have hip

Christa Woods have two options can know how many are in the Society and helps out with the to help their pet. The first option is cheaper, the method is crude and it will cost about \$400. However, the best thing for Jasmine would be a full hip replacement that would cost \$4,000 per hip, Woods said.

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness has decided to adopt Jasmine and her family and help them on their endeavor, said Kristina Hargin, board member of the New Nodaway County Humane Society.

NWAAA is a campus group that volunteers time to the Humane Society and helping animals and owners in need.

"When Jasmine came to the shelter, she was pathetic, skinny and she could barely stay awake. Within a week, she started to grow into a really beautiful dog," Hargin

NWAAA will host a benefit on Saturday, April 14, in College Park to raise money for Jasmine's operations, she said. The benefit will reunite shelter dogs that now have homes with previous caretakers. City dog tags will also be sold

The funds collected will go into a checking account for Jasmine. The group is also selling tickets to see "A Dog's Life" at the American Heartland Theatre at Crown

"We really appreciate everything they are doing," Graves

The couple adopted Jasmine in December 2005 from a breeder in Faucett, Mo. Jasmine was six pounds, six ounces, which is a third of the weight she should have been,

Graves and Woods fostered another pit bull terrier named Roxie in April 2006 and adopted her the following December. Roxie is approximately two-years-old and they got her from the Humane

Society, Graves said. The dogs get along well together

Jasmine and Roxie's favorite things dog is often a male dog that hasn't to do besides sleep and eat are chasing tennis balls and eating black socks. "Jasmine will chase anything

that Roxie chases," Woods said. Woods and Graves noticed Jasmine limping in September 2006. year-old pit bull terrier as a cuddle The first doctor they took her to animals well, we will start treating said she tore her

> "It is an incredible opportunity for students to jump up and pull off doctor told the an incredible task "

Members of the NWAAA not

munity members on the importance

lost animals, they say that the ani-

animals as well, Hargin said.

ing fundraisers ing, but when she walks. Jasmine dog. However, in January, doctors and volunteering their time, Harwalks with a slight limp because of performed X-rays and found out gin said. The group was asked by Jasmine has hip dysplasia. the Humane Society board plan this "She is still playful but it still spring's Humane Society luncheon. It is the main fundraising event for the Humane Society and about 200 to 300 people will attend.

and with other dogs, Woods said. neuter their pets. An aggressive

"It is an incredible opportunity only want to help animals like for students to jump up and pull off Jasmine, they want to educate coman incredible task," Hargin said.

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He joined the group because

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Martinez said.

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The money raised during the of spaying, neutering and licensing luncheon will go to general funding. It is at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 1, at First Christian Church.

"Tags make it easier to locate Northwest freshman Elizabeth mals are vaccinated and authorities Nunn volunteers at the Humane city. If there is an epidemic with group. Nunn started to volunteer these animals, its nice to know how at a shelter after she saw an ad in a



owners Christa Woods and Eddie Graves. The couple adopted Jasmine in December 2005 and Roxie in April 2006.

many there are," Hargin said. Many people do not know about the city's tag ordinance and that it has to be renewed every year, she said. To license an animal, it will cost approximately \$1.50 at City Hall. An effort is also being made for tags to be purchased at

the Humane Society. Spaying and neutering animals is also important to the community Buddies can choose an animal of and the animals, said Francisco Martinez, language, theatre, and communications instructor.

Martinez is an active member of NWAAA and has three recovered dogs of his own. Recovered dogs are animals that have been nwmissouri.edu. adopted from the Humane Society and given a better life.

mals because people don't spay or humanesociety.org.

Patrick's Day Parade and taking dogs to public places so they can NWAAA has two buddies at the Humane Society, Nunn said. The buddy program allows people to

their choice that they come visit For more information on Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness and how to help contact

support animals for \$10 per month.

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Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness events ■Shelter dog reunion and fundraiser

for Jasmine ■Dog walk in the St. Patrick's Day

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AT YOUR LEISURE THURSDAY B7

Your Man lectures Brangelina

Of course, with this new adop-

tion comes yet another publicity

frenzy. We probably won't stop

hearing about this until these poor

I really believe this celebrity

couple is constructing some sort of

new pattern of parenting: having a

couple of children of your own, but

picking up a few from third-world

Remember "Beanie Babies?"

Just replace "Beanie" with "living,

breathing," and you've discovered

prits of this madness. The United

States adopts more children than

any other country in the world,

The media are the primary cul-

the newest, hottest cultural craze!

kids reach their teens.

countries on the side.

ing a fourth child shortly after she according to the Population Refer-

"300" is the film equivalent of an injection from

Just in case anybody didn't take a Western Civiliza-

tion class, Sparta was a Greek city-state whose entire

focus was on the art of war. Spartan boys were sent

away to fighting school at a very early age and death in

battle was the ultimate goal. In other words, the charac-

The king and lead soldier of the Spartans is

"Leonidas." Leonidas represents the ultimate tough-

guy. He kills wolves, taunts powerful enemies and

fights with arrows sticking through his chest. Gerard

Butler ("Tomb Raider") plays up the character for all

alongside William Wallace of "Braveheart" and "Gladi-

ator" Maximus Decimus Meridias. His memorable

quote "Tonight, we dine in hell!" should inspire tes-

tosterone-fueled males for years to come. Although,

when you think about it, it's really not a very appeal

Leonidas will go down in movie warrior history

ters in this movie are some very scary gentlemen.

Screw Cancun! Screw Miami!

from Uzbekistan during his Spring

Your Man is adopting a child

Nah, I'm just kidding. But

can you blame me for dreaming?

I mean, if Brad Pitt and Angelina

Jolie can do it three times within

the span of only a few years, why

Yes, folks, they're at it again.

The Brangelina Orphanage Adop-

tion World Tour recently made its

According to the Associated

Press, the couple is adopting a 3 or

4-year-old boy from an orphanage

in Ho Chi Minh City. They already

have three other children, and

two of them are also adopted. Son

Maddox, 5, is from Cambodia, and

daughter Zahara, 2, is an Ethiopia

Their other, biological child,

daughter Shiloh, was born last May.

And, according to a recent People

magazine article, Brangelina began

exploring the possibility of adopt-

-MOVIE REVIEW

its intensity and visual style.

ichwarzenegger as done by Picasso

By James Evans

way to Vietnam, and they didn't

leave empty-handed.

-HOROSCOPES

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You'll make wonderful discoveries this year. You'll venture farther out than you even knew existed. Take care; there will be surprises, and not all of them are pleasant.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 — Finish an old

task and you can collect the money that you're owed. The task may simply be asking for the money. You can do it; don't be afraid.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — Take a back seat. and let somebody else do the driving for a while. Better yet, stay out of the vehicle altogether. There's too much confusion out there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8 - You're asked

to take on a new and very difficult assignment. Don't worry; luck is with you in this. Proceed with con-

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — An otherwise blissful interlude is rudely interrupted. The disagreement is about how the money should be spent. Postpone big purchases until next

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 — Real estate and home improvements are usually well favored. This time, however, your purchase could spark a domestic confrontation. Better talk it over

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — As you reach the

next level, you find that you've outgrown some of your methods. You may need to revise your procedures and update your equipment, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — Finally, the money's coming in. All that work was not for nothing. Unfortunately, a loved one and-or child wants your to take them shopping.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) silent type for a reason. That's how you're most effective. Maintain the mystery now; excessive info will

cause confusion. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You're more interested in working now because you must. You do well under pressure;

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Discuss your most recent insights with friends

maybe that's why you wait. You love

that adrenalin rush.

who can help you understand. The part that at first is the most confusing turns out to be the most basic.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 9 — There's plenty of money to be made, if you can do what's required. To be part of the team, you must learn there's always someone who outranks you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — Encouragement from far away is certainly heart warming. But, can you accept adoration from one who doesn't know the whole story? Sure, if it makes them

'300' reigns victorious

Missourian Reporter Most of the film's sequences exhibit the Spartans inhuman fighting ability. Elaborately staged battle For those that thought "Gladiator" was for pansies, sequences show us in slow motion how one Spartan soldier effortlessly moves from killing one enemy to the your film has arrived.

they play-out like a well-choreographed dance. a syringe load of adrenaline, at least for guys. The movie follows the "true" story of 300 Spartan soldiers Don't be confused; this movie isn't going to top Oscar lists. It is, after all, based on a graphic novel who battled against the massive army of the Persian comic book. Then again, I doubt the Oscar crowd is While the basic details of the story may be true, one the filmmakers target audience. "300" will draw in doubts the battle looked anything like this. But who almost every American male under the age of 30. Most

cares about realism? This movie blows your mind with will love it. This film is exactly what it tried to be: a full throttle "300" follows the visual trends set by films like action film that assaults your senses. Those in search "Sin City," Every scene plays out in a computer-gener- of a historically accurate study of the events need not ated environment and nary a single aspect of the film attend. Unlike many other epic war films that follow remains untouched by digital enhancement. The result a Hollywood formula, "300" brings a fresh view of life

next. These scenes display amazing acrobatic skill as

is an action film that looks like a piece of art. Think on the battlefield. lust in case any women are wondering what the stand to gain from seeing the film, it should be noted that Sparta is populated entirely by half-naked men

The film's tagline is "Prepare for Glory," but it might as well say, "Prepare for decapitation, spurting blood, screaming, grotesque beasts and extreme masculinity." "300" delivers all of this in a heart-pounding and visually stunning fashion.

> James Evans gives '300' 5 out of 5 popcorns



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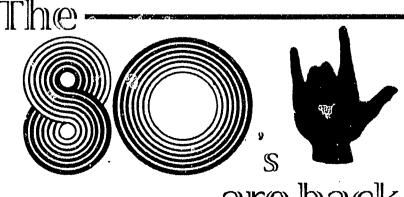
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love to be part of a family. But it's

when the whole process turns into a

celebrity trend or, God forbid, some

sort of fad, I have to draw the line.

do great things on her goodwill

missions. It's obvious she cares

about this planet and the humans

realize that whenever she walks

into an orphanage with adoption

on her mind, it's going to turn into

I really hope both she and her

nusband will take a break from this

family building streak. Brangelina,

if you love your children, or any

other child you visit on your trips

for that matter, start thinking twice

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into the circus that is your life.

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said the Murphys on their Web

Many times Dropkick Mur-

nelp them back up.

-CONCERT REVIEW

The Gang's All Here; Dropkick Murphys sells out in Kansas City

By Dan Whitacre Missourian Reporter

medal of honor.

"My eye is bleeding," Chris Cummins shouts out in a brief the people," a name that they live moment between songs at last up to every show.

phys performance. Chris rode two hours from Maryville to Kansas City with three other friends just to see one of three bands. The crazy thing is, he expected to get battered and beaten all in the name of music. Chris said, "it's all part of the

fun of going to see the Dropkick of the music and a member of the band. The Murphys gave their all and so did the fans. As he wipes the blood from his To some the metaphor became right brow he joins the sold out crowd in cheering on the seven much more real as the band invited members of the Irish-punk rock female members to join them band. The minor wound is not a on stage during the song "Spicy

concern; instead it is more of a McHaggis Jig." As the band continued the To many fans of mainstream encore with their most recent hit,

music this rowdy music scene is "Shipping Up To Boston" the stage misunderstood. However, to those was opened to dozens of fans who inside the mosh pit it isn't just danced and swayed, while nearly some barbaric display of violence. the entire audience sang along. For In fact, there is an underlying—a moment the audience became protocol of obedience and trust in the band and the true theme of the place. In a sense, it is a testament to — night became evident. The music one of the Murphys' philosophical truly is for the fans.

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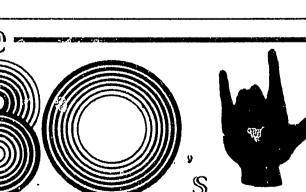
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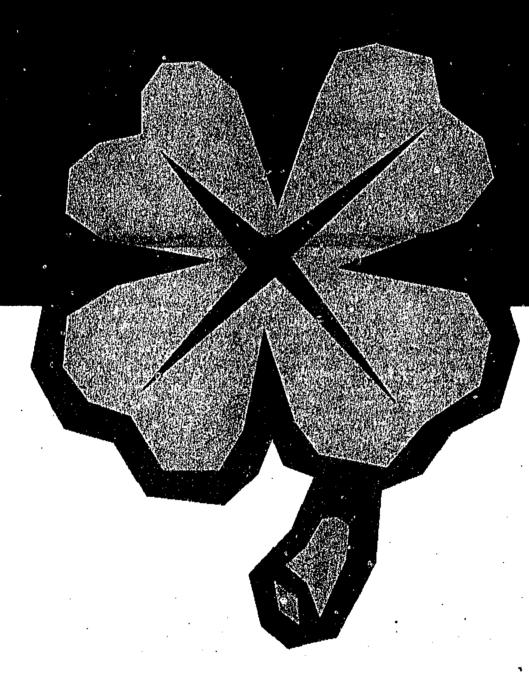
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Wednesday March 28th

Solutions

17 Casino cube

Too much blarney this St. Pat's Day?



The Safe Ride Home vehicle will run on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 16th, from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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